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## **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

A review of applicants' arguments filed on February 9, 2004 and a review of the instant amended claims has convinced the examiner that the claims are allowable over the applied prior art of record. The prior art fails to teach or suggest that the closure apparatus comprises a base label and a cover label having the structure as claimed in claim 8, including the touch fastening system being disposed at least partially between the cover label and the base label, wherein the second adhesive is disposed on a second side on the base label opposite the first adhesive and the touch fastening system, the first end of the cover label terminates adjacent the touch fastening system, and the second end of the cover label terminates adjacent the third adhesive. Also, no evidentiary support could be provided to support the position that the instant claimed invention would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nasser Ahmad whose telephone number is 571-272-1487. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7:30AM to 5:00PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Friday

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon, can be reached on (571)272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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March 4, 2004.